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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**ROCHESTER MAN ARRAIGNED ON FEDERAL ARMED ROBBERY,  
GUN AND DRUG CHARGES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that, Gerard J. Boulanger, age 31, of Rochester, New Hampshire, was arraigned today in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire.

Mr. Boulanger was indicted by a federal grand jury on November 20, 2003, for armed robbery involving a controlled substance, use of a firearm in a crime of violence, felon in possession of a firearm and possession and distribution of Oxycontin.

Trial is scheduled to begin on February 3, 2004, before Chief Judge Paul Balbadoro.

The defendant was ordered to be detained pending trial. Mr. Boulanger faces a maximum sentence of twenty five years in prison if convicted of the robbery charges. He could serve an additional mandatory seven years if also convicted of use of a firearm in a crime of violence.

The charges resulted from the armed robbery of the Brooks Drugstore in Rochester on September 21, 2003. Large quantities of Oxycontin and Methadone tablets were stolen.

The case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws. At a press conference in Washington today, Attorney General John Ashcroft, in lauding the success of, Project Safe Neighborhoods called it "a revolutionary campaign against gun crime in America."

The case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department with the assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Strafford County Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan, Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator for New Hampshire.

Please note that a criminal indictment is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.